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1. The cruiser "Makarov" (the former German "Ruernberg") was towed to the TALLINN (V (J) 79) harbor for repair in 1946. Numerous specialists, particularly experts for turbine construction and propellers, arrived in TALLINN. However, since the repair of the cruiser could not be completed in TALLINN, the "Makarov" was towed, allegedly to Leningrad, after some time. *

2. The TALLINN 10th Naval Div (for which the reporting P/W worked aboard ships) comprised 20 to 30 PT boats. The PT boats left the harbor for maneuvers usually for four, frequently for six, days, a factor which determined the dates for repair work. **

3. Five armored gunboats, somewhat smaller than PT boats, were also observed in the harbor. The boats mounted the turret of a M-34/85 tank, which was traversable by 360°. The gunboats were speedy and highly maneuverable and had low silhouettes.

4. Three submarines, accompanied by the gunboat "Krasnoye Znamya", were regularly observed leaving and entering the harbor. ***

Comment:

* The former German cruiser "Ruernberg" was given to the Soviet Union in LSPAYA (A (P) 96) on 9 January 1946. She was presumably towed to the TALLINN shipyard to be inspected by Soviet specialists.

** It could not be ascertained whether the 10th Naval Div is in command of the TALLINN area only or whether it has a wider extent of command.

*** The gunboat "Krasnoye Znamya", built in 1895, was apparently converted into a submarine tender.

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